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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kenji NISHI

Group Art Unit: 2851

Application No.: 10/721,425

Examiner: R. Fuller

Filed: November 26, 2003

Docket No.: 121872

For: PROJECTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS

**TRANSMITTAL OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 3.73(b)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In compliance with 37 CFR §3.73(b), the undersigned hereby states that Nikon Corporation is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventor of the patent application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office for Application No. 08/547,147 (which is from the same patent family as the present application) at Reel 7849, Frames 0010-11.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION SHOULD  
BE SENT TO OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC, CUSTOMER NO. 25944, TELEPHONE  
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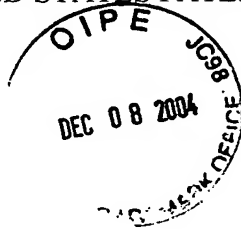
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**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

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Sir:

Nikon Corporation, Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above patent application, hereby revokes all prior powers of attorney and appoints the attorneys associated with **Customer Number 25944** as attorneys of record with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and all continuations and divisions thereof, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office.

The undersigned has reviewed the claim of title and confirms that title is in the assignee. The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION  
SHOULD BE SENT TO OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC, CUSTOMER NO. 25944.

Dec. 3. 2004  
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